

Federal Election Commission Washington, DC 20463 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 25, 2008

Todd Donovan 2407 Cherry Street Bellingham Washington 98225

Re: ADR 447 (MUR 5946)

Dear Mr. Donovan:

On October 16, 2007 the Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) received your complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no action against the Respondents, Peter and Magdalene Watts; Evergreen View Ventures; Pike for Mayor; Citizens for Bill Geyer; Crawford for Council; Kent Properties, LLC; and 10th & McKenzie, Ltd.

In its memorandum to the Commission, dated February 13, 2008, this office stated:

Summary: The FECA prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions, donations, expenditures, independent expenditures or disbursements, directly or indirectly, in connection with a Federal, State, or local election. The Complainant alleges that candidates for local office in the Bellingham, Washington vicinity accepted contributions from foreign nationals.

Specifically, the complaint notes that Citizens for Bill Geyer (Geyer), advocating the election of William Geyer to the Bellingham City Council, accepted \$500 from Kent Properties, LLC (Kent LLC) on September 24, 2007. The complaint alleges that Kent is a business with an address in British Columbia, Canada.

The complaint goes on to allege that Crawford for Council (Crawford), advocating the reelection of Sam Crawford to the Whatcom County Council, accepted \$300 from Peter and Magdalene Watts, Canadian citizens. The complaint also alleges that Crawford accepted \$300 from Evergreen View Ventures (Evergreen), believed to be a Canadian company owned by Peter and Magdalene Watts.

The complaint also alleges that Pike for Mayor (Pike), advocating the election of Daniel Pike as Mayor of Bellingham, Washington, accepted a contribution in the amount of \$500 from the 10th and McKenzie Ltd. Partnership (McKenzie) on September 26, 2007. The complaint asserts that McKenzie is a Canadian partnership.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on November 6, 2008.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Lynn M. Fraser. Assistant Director

Alternative Dispute Resolution Office